

ORNCC Board Meeting 3-21-2010

Present: Steve, Gary, Chuck, Fred, and Lynne Baran

10:00 am Remembrance, by Steve

10:15 Check in

10:50 We abandoned attempts to reach Teresa Farrell and will continue our meeting without connecting with any member of the Governing Council.

11:00am Minutes approved incorporating the changes that were suggested by Gary. We agreed to send to Fred confirmation of receipt.

11:05 Review action items

- a. Communication with the Governing Council (Steve). We were not able to connect with the governing council for this meeting and we agree to contact them again and invite them to our collective meeting on April 25th.
- b. Connecting with Karen in Eugene about material sales in Eugene. Karen expressed interest in continuing Eugene material sales, and Sparrow has extended an inventory and the interest in being released from material sales. We will request that Sparrow take her materials to Karen's house and Lynne Baran will meet with Karen and perform an inventory.
- c. Fred contacted Stuart about whether the credit card slips were processed or not. It was confirmed that they were not processed and we agreed that Fred would make a list from the receipts and compare it to the current data base contact information. From this list a letter will be sent to identified participants requesting that they make a donation to ORNCC for the identified amount or another amount of their choosing. Fred will construct an initial letter and then send it to Gary for editing support.
- d. Fred spoke to Stuart about collecting full contact information: Stuart stated that he supported us collecting full contact information in order to support an integrated effort to promote NVC trainings in Oregon. Chuck agreed to alter the website after tax season (by the May board meeting) in order to collect full information. This information will be automatically forwarded to the secretary in order to be entered into the current database for us. Additionally, Chuck will respond to anyone posting trainings on the ORNCC website requesting that each send full participant contact information to ORNCC. Fred will contact the post office and request pricing for checking our mailing list for current accuracy.
- e. Chuck set up a system for applying donations to specific programs; currently only the Oregon Prison Project.

Agenda

1. Report from the Prison Project. Fred met with Karen Maurer and Harry Jordan of Phoenix Rising Transitions (PRT) and reported on a potential collaboration with this group. PRT currently has an “Inside/Outside” program at Columbia River Prison in Portland. Initially PRT members will attend the upcoming volunteer workshop on April 3rd. As a result of this collaboration we may be able to bring our program to Columbia River Prison in the Portland Area.
2. The update of the bylaws were approved and ratified by the board after being ratified by the Governing Council.
3. We agreed that Gary would contact Cascadia’s Ecosystems Advocates and ask about the current state of their boycott of Umpqua bank. Chuck states that he will open an account at Oregon Community Credit Union and deposit \$200.00 if Gary has this discussion and drafts a letter to Umpqua bank stating the reasons we are moving are funds. We also agree to post our decision and the reasons supporting it on the ORNCC website after sending this letter and moving our money.
4. We discussed how to achieve ORNCC’s vision and mission while acknowledging that much of the organizations prior activities supported events in which Marshall Rosenberg was the “draw”. Included in our discussion was the possibility of adopting one or more of the additional strategies listed below. We discussed the possibility that tentatively our website could be utilized to inform those visiting it not only about the current trainings offered by specific trainers, but could also provide an overview of how to increase NVC conscious and skill and which local trainers are offering “stepping stones” in that pathway. We further discussed including the particular venues each trainer enjoys working in along with examples of the community partnerships each is forging in order to bring consciousness to the community about how NVC is and/or could be affecting their lives on a day-by-day basis.

We discussed the strategy of performing a needs assessment with current Oregon trainers asking what would they imagine would provide them the most support in developing and offering their trainings. We agreed to craft a letter and perform this assessment through email with a possibility of also having an Oregon trainer gathering at sometime in the future (September of 2010 was discussed).

We further discussed the strategy of potentially providing logistical and possibly scholarship support to those seeking specific trainings that are not offered by local trainers. As an example, we discussed how we might support teachers to attend the annual Teacher’s Institute currently held in Washington state, possibly by providing small scholarships and providing follow up support in the form of ongoing trainings and practice groups for teachers and school administrators. Fred will contact Jean Morrison and Sura Hart to ask about the possibility and excitement about such a collaboration. This strategy could be extended to parents and parenting as well.

We discussed supporting specific projects such as the Oregon Prison Project through material support and providing a non-profit structure that would support grant writing. We discussed collaborating with local trainers Carol Placer and Michelle DeLude in producing a community day where those interested in NVC could be exposed to the possibilities; Fred will contact them and inquire.

We closed this discussion by reflecting on our collective desire to gain clarity and inspiration around supporting our collective needs for peace, harmony, and hope through making NVC trainings as widely available as possible. We mourned our current lack of clarity about how to go forward in this post-Marshall (at least locally) age and hope that we can find the necessary combination of inspiration, willingness, and spirit necessary to be responsive to our current situation.

4:00pm Closing

Action Items

1. Steve will contact the Governing Council and ask about their willingness to participate in our next board meeting, possibly by phone.
2. Chuck will ask Sparrow if she is willing to take her materials to Karen's house and then Lynne Baran will contact Karen about when to perform an inventory.
3. Gary will write a letter to Cascadia's Ecosystems Advocates requesting advise and an update about the Umpqua Bank boycott.
4. Fred will make a list from the old charge slips and try to find contact information for those who made the charges. Fred will craft a letter with Gary's help requesting donations.
5. Fred will contact USPS about proofing our database for accuracy.
6. Steve, Fred, and Chuck will send Gary their ideas about a letter to Oregon trainers asking what they would want from ORNCC including whether a trainer's conference would be desirable.
7. Fred will contact Jean Morrison and Sura Hart about a potential collaboration with the Teacher's Institute.
8. Fred will contact Carol Placer and/or Michelle DeLude about their idea of a NVC Community Day.

Future Agenda Items

1. Further visioning and discussion about how to position ORNCC in a post-Marshall world.
2. What do we do about complaints about trainers?
3. How can board member selection support our possible revitalization.
4. Board and Governing Council structure.

